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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Frank Hintermaier
Applic. No. : 09/161,196
Filed : September 25, 1998
Title : Capacitor Having A Barrier Layer Made Of A Transition Metal Phosphide, Arsenide Or Sulfide
Examiner : Cuong Q. Nguyen - Art Unit: 2811

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

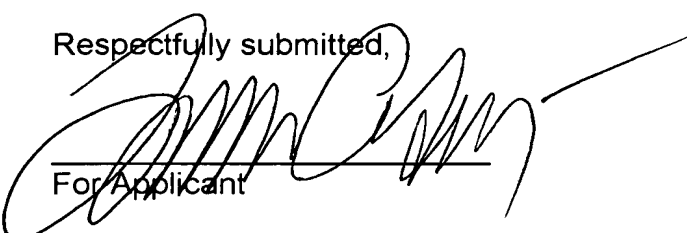
Responsive to the Office Action dated December 8, 1999, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-12, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group II at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-12 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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